

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

June 16, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph E. Jozefczyk, Braddock District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Lula Bauer, Lee District
Steve Saulnier, Alternate, Lee District
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District
Wesley M. Viilo, Jr., Mt. Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Congleton, Alternate, Springfield District
David Lacey, Sully District
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Roger Sims, Fairfax County Baseball Council
Robert L. Panek, Fairfax County Girls' Fast Pitch Softball
Carl Coan, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council
Rocky K. Styer, Alternate, Fairfax County Football Board of Comm.
Bill Harvey, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council
Deborah B. Honaker, Alternate, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council
Sally Entlich, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

George Lovelace, Fairfax County Park Authority
Brian Daly, Fairfax County Park Authority
Amy Craig, Fairfax County School Board
Patricia Franckewitz, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Christopher Leonard, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Karen Avvisato, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Brian Dreyer, Department of Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roger Smith, Dranesville District
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton
Tom Moore, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council
Paul Jansen, Fairfax County School Board

GUESTS: Mr. Milton Harding, Director of Coach Ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes/Parent/Player Coaching Conflicts

Meeting Opening – Mr. Lacey called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Citizens to Address Council – None

Presentations to Council –

Presentation 1: Parent/Player Coaching Conflicts

Mr. Milton Harding, Director of Coach Ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes/Parent/Player Coaching Conflicts, did a presentation to make the Department of Community and Recreation Services and the Council aware of his program to help sports organizations and CRS develop coach, parent and player education in the area of conflict resolution. Mr. Harding can work with the organizations to customize a program that best fits the needs of the individual sport and organization.

Items Presented

Committee Report # 1: Gym Policy

Mr. Lacey reported that CRS is reviewing the draft of the gym policy. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 28.

Committee Report # 2: Bylaws/Sports Council Operating Guidelines

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the memo issued by the committee on June 14. The committee is interested in getting feedback from the Council. There was a general discussion on how to identify and best represent minor emerging sports on the Council. The committee also needs to address people in paid positions.

Committee Report #3: Subsidy Over-Site Committee

A new committee was formed to review subsidies. Members of this committee are: Jerry Carter, Roger Sims, Deborah Honaker, and Elizabeth Bradsher.

Information - Board of Supervisors: None

Information - Fairfax County School Board: None

Information - Fairfax County Park Authority: Mr. George Lovelace, Park Authority Board

Topic # 1: Park Bond

Mr. Lovelace reported on the Park bond increase and the needs of the community. There was a general discussion of whether the county really needs to spend \$10 million on new land versus spending the money to upgrade existing facilities. Council members encouraged the Park Authority to increase the bond and designate bond funding for improvements and new athletic field development in accordance with the Park Authority's needs assessment. Mr. Lovelace agreed to present the Council's concerns to the Park Authority Board.

Community and Recreation Services Information: Ms. Patricia Franckewitz, Director

Topic # 1: Implementation of the Athletic Services Fee

Ms. Franckewitz reported that implementation of the athletic services fee is moving forward. She indicated that she carefully considered the recommendations from the Council and accepted the Council's recommended fee structure with one exception. The tournament fee was set at \$15 per person instead of the \$20 per person recommended by the Council. A memorandum detailing the fee structure and implementation plan was sent to the Board of Supervisor. Additionally, CRS staff notified all facility applicants and posted the information on CRS's Website. She noted that many organizations had questions and concerns regarding the application of the fee, and she indicated that each question and concern would be addressed as promptly as possible.

Ms. Franckewitz's report prompted further discussion by members regarding the need for a fee. Discussion centered on a news report that Fairfax County Public Schools and Fairfax County would receive additional tax revenues from an increase in the Virginia State cigarette tax. Additionally, several Council members indicated that initial reports suggested the County is projecting a significant surplus of funds at year-end. Council members discussed the possibility of requesting that the Board of Supervisors repeal the athletic services fee. Several members who supported the proposed fee suggested that, if they had known that additional revenue and surplus funded would be available, they would not have supported the development of a fee. Ms. Franckewitz reminded the Council that the fee did not offset a deficit but instead was a county initiative to diversify revenue.

Action: Given the new revenue and the projected surplus, Mr. Carter moved to send a letter from the Council to the Board of Supervisors requesting the athletic services fee be repealed until such time that the monies are really needed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sims. Mr. Lacey called the vote; motion carried 16 aye, 2 nay.

Election of Officers: Mr. Jozefczyk presented the following nominations for the 2004 – 2005 FCAC officers:

Stephen McLaughlin, Chairman
David L. Lacey, Vice Chairman
Jerry Carter, Secretary

Action: Mr. Sims moved to accept the nominations; seconded by Mr. Harvey. The motion carried unanimously.

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Adjournment – On motion the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerry" being more prominent than the last name "Carter".

Jerry Carter
Secretary